

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of removing an object from a digital image comprising,  
displaying a digital image derived from digital image data,  
overlaying a virtual frame to surround a sub-region of the digital image that  
5 contains at least a part of the object and a portion of the digital image that does not  
comprise the object,  
identifying the defect or object to be removed by apportioning the virtual frame  
into object and non-object regions,  
modifying the digital data to amend data relating to object regions so that the data  
10 more closely resembles data of non-object regions,  
the step of modifying the digital data including combining noise into the digital  
data of the object.